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Dear Madame Chair and Members,

I would like to speak to the testimony that was presented to you from a public member opposing the extension of the real estate commission (REC). During Ms. Brollini's testimony she claimed the REC did not offer transparency as the public deserved. During the public meeting held March 21, 2018, public testimony was provided as scheduled. Ms. Brollini attended a portion of the REC meeting on March 21, 2018, although, she did not give public comment or ask if the REC was going to address HB279, or her complaint-which the REC members would not have known about because of the Investigative process. She left before the meeting ended. She appeared frustrated when she left the meeting but did not convey that frustration to any of the REC members or staff who were present.

Ms. Brollini testified that the licensee she complained about in February 2017 has since violated other regulations. I would encourage her to file another complaint (if she hasn't already) and provide as much information as possible. I will assure you, her, and the public, that if that licensee has violated any license laws, they will be dealt with appropriately.

From her emotional testimony, I understand how frustrated she is. As a Real Estate Commissioner, and a broker, I would like to know that her issues are being addressed and will do anything that is in my power to help out. Ironically, despite her personal issue, asking you to let the REC expire is definitely not in the best interest of the public, even for Ms. Brollini. If there is a problem or a glitch that needs to be fixed, let's fix it, and if better communication is what is needed, let's address *that and not take away consumer protection*. The real estate industry is complex with rapidly changing technology and constantly evolving industry practices. Oversight from the REC is needed now more than ever.

Please allow HB279 to move forward as recommended by the legislative audit.

Respectfully,

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